

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's amendment as indicated in the Notice of Allowance dated Feb. 04, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

More specifically, claims 1, 23, 49, are currently amended to substantially adopt the Examiner's Amendment as indicated in the Notice of Allowance. Claims 1, 49, 58, and 70-71 are also currently amended to correct the use of punctuation.

The reason for the amendment to the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is to clarify what Applicants regard as the claimed subject matters as embodied in the claims. Moreover, the Specification, for example, at least Figs. 13-14 and their corresponding text in section "System Architecture Overview" starting on p. 47, provides clear support for the amendment to the claims. For instance, at least ¶¶ [0123], [0125], and [0127]-[0128] disclose "data storage system" and / or "storage device" and thus provide clear support for the claimed limitations of "storage device". Moreover, at least ¶¶ [0125]-[0127] disclose "computer usable medium" and thus provide clear support for the claimed limitations of "computer readable storage medium".

¶ [0126] of the specification is currently amended to clarify what Applicants regard as the claimed subject matter(s) as embodied in these claims.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Vista IP Law Group LLP Account No. **50-1105** for any fees required that are not covered, in whole or in part, and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. **50-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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